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SUBJECT: U.S. EARTHQUAKE RELIEF PROJECT IN ITALY; GROUND-BREAKING PROJECT

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FOR AMBASSADOR GARDNER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENNET

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT COSTANTINO OF AID HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MANY INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONCERNING POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY. HIS SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELIEF PROJECTS IN ITALY AND HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THOSE IN THE CONGRESS WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN PASSING THE REQUISITE LEGISLATION EQUIP HIM TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY AND TO THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERS. HIS SUCCESS SO FAR HAS BEEN CONFINED TO BIAGGI. PERSONAL CONTACT BY YOU DURING YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD CERTAINLY BE VALUABLE.

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2. I AM INFORMED THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE DETERRED FROM POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE BY THE PROSPECT OF A CONGRESSIONAL GROUP TOO LARGE TO PERMIT FOCUS ON THEIR PARTICIPATION. YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONCENTRATE ON CONVINCING KENNEDY (WHO HAS NEITHER DECLINED NOR ACCEPTED) TO PARTICIPATE. SINCE

BIAGGI AND KENNEDY WERE THE HOUSE AND SENATE SPONSORS
OF THE FIRST ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, THEIR PRESENCE WOULD
BE ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL.

3. FYI. OTHER MEMBERS WHO WERE APPROACHED HAVE EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN VISITS IN THE FUTURE. VANCE

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